

PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION
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Each of the Applicants named below hereby declares as follows:

1. My residence, post office address and country of citizenship given below are true and correct.
2. I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the attached patent application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR CLASSIFYING ANOMALIES OF SAMPLE SURFACES," and I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including its claims.
3. I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of this application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, which is defined on the attached page.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Additionally, the undersigned hereby appoints Kevin P. McAndrews, Reg. No. 34,496 and the practitioners of Majestic, Parsons, Siebert & Hsue P.C. who are associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this patent application, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, to receive the original Letters Patent, and to substitute or associate other attorneys on his behalf. I further direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number.

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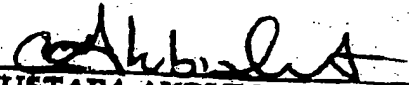
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